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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

In The Matter Of

JAMIE SIMON , LSW

Licensed to Practice
Social Work in the
State of New Jersey

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: PROVISIONAL ORDER
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") on information received which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jamie Simon ("respondent") is a Licensed Social Worker ("LSW"), License No. SL45383.

2. From approximately September 1995 through August 2000, respondent was employed at the Lafayette Learning Center, Morris School District, as a school social worker/counselor.

3. The Lafayette Learning Center is a Special Education School for students with emotional, behavioral and/or academic difficulties.

4. On March 31, 2000, the Division of Youth and Family Services Institutional Abuse Unit received a referral from the Lafayette Learning Center reporting that respondent was allegedly involved in a sexual relationship with a sixteen year old, male student for whom respondent was a counselor.

5. The Morris County Prosecutor's Office conducted an investigation regarding this allegation, and on September 9, 2000, respondent was indicted for sexual assault in the second degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the second degree, and Official Misconduct in the second degree.

6. On March 19, 2001, in Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division-Criminal, Morris County, a plea agreement was reached. Respondent pled guilty to two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Minor in the third degree (N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct has resulted in the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude which relates adversely to her license as a social worker pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). The conviction conclusively establishes facts that amount to: (1) a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-10.7 which, among other things, prohibits sexual

contact with a client, (2) gross malpractice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c), (3) repeated acts of malpractice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), and (4) a violation of a regulation administered by the Board (N.J.A.C. 13:44G-10.7) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). Therefore, respondent's conduct as set forth herein constitutes grounds for the Board's suspension or revocation of respondent's license to practice social work in the State of New Jersey.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS *22nd* DAY OF *May* 2001
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice social work in the State of New Jersey is hereby revoked. Respondent shall return by registered mail her New Jersey license to Leslie Aronson, Executive Director, State Board of Social Work Examiners, P.O. Box 45033, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

2. The within Order shall become effective and final at 5:00 P.M. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Leslie Aronson, Executive Director, State Board of Social Work Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101;

b) setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed;

c) submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and mitigation therefor.

3. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order will be entered.

4. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law contained herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceedings.

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